

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-003-E - ORDER NO. 94-354 *sc*
APRIL 21, 1994

IN RE: South Carolina Electric and Gas Company Adjustment of Base Rates for Fuel Costs) ORDER APPROVING) STIPULATION) AND AGREEMENT
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This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the "Stipulation and Agreement of the Parties" of record in this proceeding. The parties, South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G), the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina (the Consumer Advocate), and the Commission Staff (the Staff) request that the Commission approve the terms of this Stipulation and Agreement. Among other things, the parties agree that SCE&G's base rate for fuel should be 1.416¢ per kilowatt hour beginning with the first billing cycle of June 1994 through October 1994 billing cycles.

After review of the terms of the submitted Stipulation and Agreement, the Commission finds and concludes that the Stipulation and Agreement of the parties should be and is hereby accepted and adopted by this Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

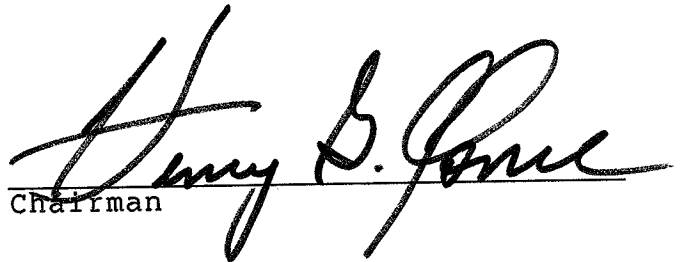
1. The base fuel factor for the May 1994 billing cycles is 1.300¢ per kilowatt hour.

2. The base fuel factor for the period commencing with the first billing cycle of June 1994 through the billing cycles of October 1994 is set at 1.416¢ per kilowatt hour.

3. Within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, SCE&G shall file with the Commission the appropriate rate schedules designed to incorporate the findings herein and an adjustment for fuel costs as demonstrated by the attached appendices.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

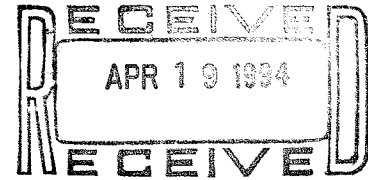

Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)

S.C. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 94-003-E

APRIL 15, 1994

IN RE:	South Carolina Electric & Gas)	STIPULATION AND
	Company - Semi-Annual Review of)	AGREEMENT OF THE
	Base Rates for Fuel Costs)	PARTIES
	_____)	

WHEREAS, the Parties to this Stipulation are the Staff of the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Staff"), South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G"), and the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina ("Consumer Advocate"), collectively referred to herein as the "Parties";

WHEREAS, the Parties represent all the Parties of record in Docket No. 94-003-E;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 1994, the South Carolina Public Service Commission ordered Docket No. 94-003-E to be opened for the semi-annual review of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's fuel costs and fuel costs recovery pursuant to Section 58-27-865 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976);

WHEREAS, the Commission's Staff has analyzed the Company's procedures and practices pertaining to its fuel operations, specifically including an examination of the Company's Power Plant Performance Data Reports, Major Unit Outage Reports, Generation Mix Reports, Generation Statistics, Retail Comparison of MWH Sales

Reports, and Retail Comparison of Fuel Costs. In addition, the Staff has interviewed Company personnel concerning operating results of its generating units, and has reviewed the Company's forecasting procedures, and currently approved Adjustment for Fuel Costs Tariff, along with the history of the Cumulative Recovery Account;

WHEREAS, based on these examinations and reviews, the Staff issued a Report of Fuel Adjustment Analysis in this Docket;

WHEREAS, the Staff and SCE&G have prefiled testimony in Docket No. 94-003-E concerning the Company's fuel operations and accounts;

WHEREAS, the Parties have carefully reviewed the information contained in the prefiled testimony of the witnesses for the Company and the Staff, as well as the Report of the Staff, and all supporting Exhibits;

WHEREFORE, the Parties have agreed, and do hereby stipulate to the following matters related to the Company's fuel operations which if adopted by the Commission in the order on the merits of this proceeding will, within the scope of the matters addressed herein, result in rates for electric service which are just and reasonable, and supported by the evidence of the record of this proceeding and will further comply with the provisions of Section 58-27-865 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976).

1. In the interest of rate stability and of maintaining consistent price signals to customers, and also in the interest of avoiding the burden and expense of multiple rate adjustments, the Parties agree and stipulate that the base rate fuel adjustment set

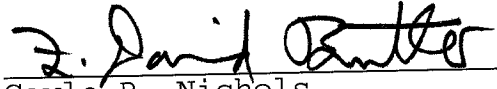
forth herein shall be effective upon the first billing cycle of June 1994.

2. The Parties agree and stipulate that the Company's base rate to recover fuel costs will be set at ~~14.17~~ ^{14.16 BTZ SAB 12m} mills per kilowatt hour beginning with the first billing cycle of June 1994. This fuel cost recovery factor shall remain in effect through October 1994 billing cycles, or until superseded by order of the Commission.

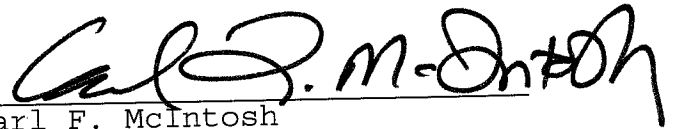
3. The Company and Commission Staff agree and stipulate that during the historic test period under review, specifically September 1, 1993 through February 28, 1994, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's fuel purchasing practices were prudent and the Company did not incur fuel costs which were the result of a failure of the utility to make every reasonable effort to minimize fuel costs nor did it make any decision resulting in any unreasonable fuel costs giving due regard to the reliability of service, economical generation mix, generating experience of comparable facilities, and minimization of the total costs of providing service. Furthermore, the Company and Commission Staff stipulate and agree with the adjustments made by the Commission Staff to the fuel costs recovery accounts during the period under review and with those adjustments, the Company properly accounted for the actual cost of fuel used for the generation of electricity, including the cost of purchased power.

4. The Consumer Advocate does not contest the prudence of the Company's fuel purchasing practices or the reasonableness of the fuel costs during the period under review.

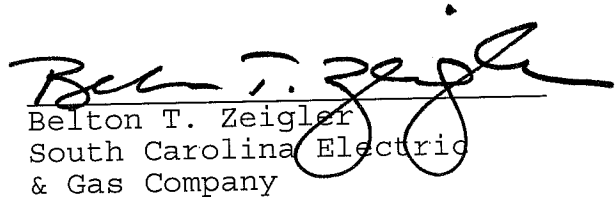
WITNESS our signatures below:



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SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY
Adjustment for Fuel Costs

APPLICABILITY

This adjustment is applicable to and is a part of the Utility's South Carolina retail electric rate schedules.

The Public Service Commission has determined that the costs of fuel in an amount to the nearest one-thousandth of a cent, as determined by the following formula, will be included in the base rates to the extent determined reasonable and proper by the Commission for the succeeding six months or shorter period:

$$F = \frac{E}{S} + \frac{G}{S_1}$$

Where:

F= Fuel cost per Kilowatt-hour included in base rate, rounded to the nearest one-thousandth of a cent.

E= Total projected system fuel costs:

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S₁ = Projected jurisdictional kilowatt-hour sales for the period covered by the fuel costs included in E.

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